



Each year BPA employees at the Ross Complex hold a Santa's party and buy gifts for about 90 needy children from the East Vancouver Child Care Center. (Above) Santa's helpers (BPA employees during the day) make a last-minute check of the piles of gifts before children arrive for the 1999 Christmas party. (Right) Delighted and excited children took their turns in line to get their gifts. (Far right) The kids didn't need much adult help to open their presents.



Photos by Jack Odgaard



## Remember whatchamacallit?

**R**emember regional operations? How about financial management? Or engineering and construction? External affairs? Conservation? Power and resources management? Management services? The Snake River area, or the Wenatchee district?

All are names of divisions, offices or other work groups that BPA used to have. Early in the last decade, BPA began what has become an ongoing reorganization. Many work groups have changed. A few in name only – once, twice or three times. But most groups have had major metamorphoses.

As BPA continues to change to fit the new utility industry and markets, many of us have a hard time keeping track of groups as they change. But it is nice to pause once in a while to think back on those familiar groups of the past and the

people we worked with then.

The BPA retirees group has just the thing to give employees that chance. It's the annual St. Patrick's Day lunch and reunion. While the retirees will be there to renew acquaintances and exchange "war" stories, what about current workers?

Jim Pachot who retired from engineering a few years ago, says, "We'd sure like to see more of the working folks there this year." Retirees share stories from the past, he says, "but we also like to see former coworkers and hear what new is happening at BPA."

Pachot says the March 17 reunion should also be good therapy for working folks. Employees can relax over lunch, visit with former colleagues and share stories and laughs from the past. ◀

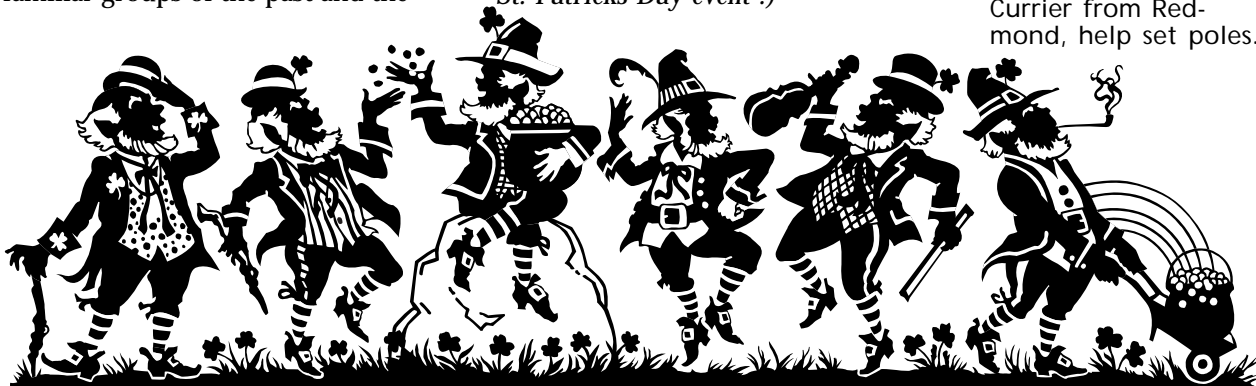
(See the ad below for details on the St. Patrick's Day event.)



BPA and employees in the Idaho Falls region helped light Warburton baseball field at Rupert, Idaho, last year. Employees donated to the Minico High School drive to raise funds for the project. BPA donated the 80-foot poles and the Idaho Falls line crew helped East End Mutual Electric Co. install the poles and lights. Here Ross Angell, Rickie Mattox, Eloy Anguiano and Larry Ringer from Idaho Falls, and Les Currier from Redmond, help set poles.



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## 2000 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and Reunion for Bonneville Power Administration

Employees, Retirees, Spouses and Guests

Dennis Johnson, Chairperson

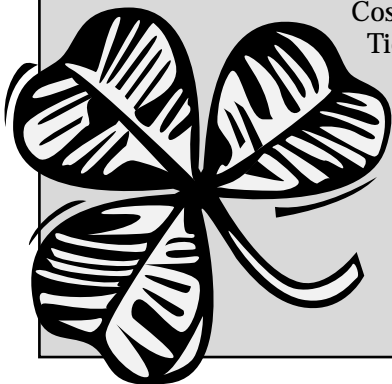
When: Friday, March 17, 2000, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Where: Shenanigan's on the Willamette (Swan Island)  
Entree, choice of one: Irish Stew  
Breast of Chicken, Dijonnaise  
Baked Pacific Red Snapper

Cost: \$16.50 per person

Tickets: Available Monday, February 14 - Monday, March 13, 2000

Check the latest Watts News or your All Employees/Retirees mailing for a list of ticket sellers or contact:

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